

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below:

1. – 84. (Cancelled)

85. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning and reducing microbial populations on a surface ~~a surface~~ in a food processing environment, consisting ~~comprising~~ the steps of:

providing a cleaner that consists of:

a first container of hydrogen peroxide having a corrosive acidic pH; and

a second container of an alkaline component having an alkaline pH and an alkaline builder;

wherein either container consists of ~~includes an amine oxide surfactant at least one additive selected from a group consisting of at least one chelant, at least one coupling agent, at least one oxygen-stable dye, and at least one oxygen-stable surfactant;~~

combining the hydrogen peroxide, alkaline component, and amine oxide surfactant ~~the at least one additive~~ to apply in the food processing environment, wherein the alkaline component and builder raises the pH of the cleaner from the corrosive acidic range to the alkaline range of about 11 to 14 and ~~such that~~ the resulting combination is

either a non-foaming, low-foaming, moderate-foaming or high-foaming alkaline cleaner and has ~~noncorrosive properties~~; and

applying the cleaner to at least one food processing machine, floor, wall ~~[[and]] or other surface in a food processing environment~~ ceiling to clean food soils and stains therefrom, ~~wherein the application of the cleaner does not produce any substantial corrosive effects on the food processing machine, floor, wall and~~ wherein the cleaning and reduction of microbial populations are from the combination of the hydrogen peroxide and alkaline component.

86. (New) A method of reducing microbial populations on at least one surface in a food processing environment, consisting the steps of:

- providing a composition in dry form only;
- the composition consisting of a percarbonate and an alkaline builder;
- applying the composition in dry form to the at least one surface in the food processing environment; and
- reducing microbial populations on the surface in the food processing environment by the combination of the percarbonate and alkaline builder.